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NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL

1. FOREIGN MINISTER PAK TONG-JIN CALLED ME IN JANUARY 7 TO GIVE US ADVANCE NOTICE THAT PRESIDENT PAK IN HIS ANNUAL JANUARY PRESS CONFERENCE, WHICH FORNMIN THOUGHT WOULD BE JANUARY 12, WOULD RENEW HIS LONG-STANDING PROPOSAL TO NORTH KOREA FOR A MUTUAL NON-AGGRESSION PACT BETWEEN THE TWO HALVES OF THE PENINSULA. IN SO DOING PRESIDENT PLANS TO SAY THAT IF NORTH KOREA AGREES TO ACCEPT SUCH A PROPOSAL, WHICH WOULD LAY THE GROUND FOR CONSOLIDATING LASTING PEACE ON THE PENINSULA, THEN THE ROKG WOULD NOT OPPOSE REDUCTION OF UNITED STATES TROOPS FROM SOUTH KOREA. PRESIDENT, ACCORDING FORNMIN, WILL MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROPOSED PACT SHOULD GUARANTEE THE CONTINUATION OF THE EXISTING ARMISTICE AGREEMENT. EXCEPT FOR THE LINKAGE TO U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS THERE WILL BE NOTHING NEW IN THE NON-AGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL.

2. FORNMIN PAK SAID ROKG OF COURSE ANTICIPATED NORTH WOULD ONCE AGAIN TURN PROPOSAL DOWN. BASIC PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL WAS TO PROVIDE ROK MORE FLEXIBLE IMAGE WORLD-WIDE ON SUBJECT OF U.S. TROOP REDUCTON. SECRET

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3. FORNMIN SAID STATEMENT WOULD BE DRAFTED BY PRESIDENT HIMSELF AND THAT PRECISE WORDING NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. SNEIDER

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